

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council

From: Matt Hart, Town Manager

Date: December 11, 2018

CC: H. Rubino-Turco

Subject: Resolution (Hart) Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute Documents Necessary to Receive Funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and

Environmental Protection. (1258)

Background: At the September 20, 2018 Bond Commission meeting, the State of Connecticut awarded a \$750,000 Urban Act grant to the Town for Wolcott Park improvements, including but not limited to: an upgrade to the Park's lighting infrastructure; construction of a code-compliant accessible restroom building; re-design of existing parking lots; improvements to trails and walkways throughout the Park; replacement of playground equipment and splash pad; improvements and replacement of fencing at the Community Garden; and improvements and replacement of park signage.

<u>Operational and Financial Impact</u>: Receipt of the award would not impact operations. Town Council adoption of this resolution would enable the Town to receive grant funds of \$750,000. The current Town of West Hartford Capital Improvement Program includes \$500,000 for work at Wolcott Park, which would be used in conjunction with the grant award to finance the project. This resolution would specifically allow the Town Manager to execute the documents to receive this grant funding.

<u>Legal Review:</u> Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

<u>Project Schedule</u>: The grant period would run five years following date of the execution of the grant assistance agreement.

Recommendation: In order to receive the grant funds for this important project, staff recommends Council approval of the attached resolution.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford received an Urban Act grant through the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council may enter into and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection any and all necessary or appropriate documents; and

WHEREAS, Matthew W. Hart now holds the office of the Town Manager and has held that office since July 31, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL, that Matthew W. Hart, as the Town Manager for the Town of West Hartford, is authorized to execute on behalf of West Hartford a personal services agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to improve Wolcott Park (CUAP 2019-09). In addition, Matthew Hart, Town Manager, is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

(Hart)

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